



## 1995 SENATE BILL 516

February 1, 1996 - Introduced by Senators BURKE, DECKER, CLAUSING, CHVALA, WINEKE and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, BOCK, RYBA, BAUMGART, PLACHE, BOYLE, R. YOUNG, ROBSON, LA FAVE, HANSON, BALDWIN, WIRCH, KREUSER, HASENOHRL, COGGS, NOTESTEIN, CULLEN, R. POTTER, MURAT and LORGE. Referred to Committee on Environment and Energy.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 144.85 (5) (a) 1. (intro.); and **to create** 144.851 of the statutes;  
2 **relating to:** issuance of metallic mining permits for the mining of sulfide ore  
3 bodies.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law prohibits mining for metallic minerals without a mining permit issued by the department of natural resources (DNR). This bill prohibits DNR from issuing a metallic mining permit for the mining of a sulfide ore body until DNR determines that a mine has operated in a sulfide ore body in the United States or Canada for at least 10 years without polluting groundwater or surface water and that a mine that operated in a sulfide ore body in the United States or Canada has been closed for at least 10 years without polluting groundwater or surface water.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4 **SECTION 1.** 144.85 (5) (a) 1. (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 1995  
5 Wisconsin Act 27, is amended to read:  
6 144.85 (5) (a) 1. (intro.) Except as provided in par. (b) and s. 144.851 and except  
7 with respect to property specified in s. 41.41 (11), within 90 days of the completion  
8 of the public hearing record, the department shall issue the mining permit if it finds:

